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REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for considering the present application. In the Office Action dated May 5, 2005, claims 1-19 are pending in the application. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner for reconsideration.

Claims 1-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Fuller* (5,729,279) in view of *Hylton* (5,708,961).

Applicants have amended claim 1 to clarify that the user appliance has conditional access software therein. Conditional access software allows the user appliance to access the rebroadcast signal. The use of the conditional access software is important to the use of the present system. The present system may be used in various places such as an airport or other public places. Conditional access software allows users to access the system while preventing others from accessing the system. This is significantly different than the system set forth in the *Hylton* reference. The *Hylton* reference is a wireless on-premise video distribution signal. Each of the users in this system are presumed to belong to the system and are associated with the central distribution. Thus, because of the use of the *Hylton* system, conditional access is not an issue. Therefore, not only is conditional access not taught in the *Hylton* reference, the use of such software would not be desirable.

Claim 13 has also been amended to recite the conditional access software. Applicants believe that claim 13 is also allowable.

Claim 16 is a method of distributing electronic content that includes digitally compressing electronic content into a compressed signal. Claim 16 has been amended to emphasize that the compression may be performed at the base station. Also, using conditional access software in the user device is also set forth. The *Hylton* reference teaches digitally compressing a signal. However, the digitally compressed signal is received at the base station and is not compressed at the base station. Applicants therefore believe claim 16 is allowable.

Claim 19 is an independent claim that recites a base station that has compression software for compressing the electronic content into a compressed signal.

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within the base station. This wording has been changed to emphasize that the compression software is within the base station. Therefore, applicants respectfully believe claim 19 is also allowable.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all objections and rejections are now overcome. The application is now in condition for allowance and expeditious notice thereof is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, which would place the application in better condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

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